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REVIEWED by G. New DATE 5/1/85  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1386

FOR: DASS AND CC/TAGS FROM RSS AND RSO

E.O. 12065: RDS 3 AND 4 2/24/85 (KELLY, RONALD) OR-A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: UNAVAILABILITY  
OF COMMANDANT OF POLICE, MAJOR TAROON

1. SINCE RSS AND RSO MEETING WITH COMMANDANT OF POLICE, MAOR  
TAROON, ON FEBRUARY 15 (KABUL 1218) WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET  
WITH HIM AGAIN. WE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY ON FEBRUARY 22 AND 23  
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM. WE WERE TOLD BY TAROON'S OFFICE  
THAT HE WAS EITHER OUT OR THAT HIS SCHEDULE WOULD NOT PERMIT  
HIM TO SEE US. TODAY, FEBRUARY 24, WE AGAIN CALLED HIS OFFICE  
AND WERE TOLD THAT ANY REQUEST TO SEE MAJOR TAROON MUST BE  
SUBMITTED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR PRIOR APPROVAL.

2. THIS CHANGE IN PROCEDURE IS DISTURBING. UNTIL THIS DATE, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)  
[REDACTED] HAD ALMOST UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO TAROON. THE REQUIREMENT  
TO GO THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN EFFECT MAY ISOLATE US  
FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH DRA POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS.  
THIS WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURTHER INHIBIT OUR INVESTIGATION  
AS TO DATE HOST COUNTRY SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN VERY  
UNCOOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING BASIC INVESTIGATIVE DATA. HOWEVER, IT  
COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE SECURITY  
FOR U.S. PERSONNEL IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

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3. WE WILL BE SENDING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TODAY TO THE FOREIGN

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MINISTRY ADVISING THEM [REDACTED] PRESENCE IN KABUL  
AND OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE CHARGE AND  
THAT HE WILL BE ARMED. IF HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS OBJECT TO HIS  
BEING ARMED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY COMPLY WITH THEIR WISHES.

4. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF ANY PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD.  
AMSTUTZ

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